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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tammy T Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 March 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2. 6) ☐ Other: _____



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Examiner's Detailed Office Action

1. This action is in response to the application 09/523,832 filed. March 13, 2000
2. Claims 1-20 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Rasansky et al. (USPN 5,960,406 – Date of Patent: September 28, 1999, herein referred to as “Rasansky”).

5. As to claim 1 Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, including A method for achieving efficient file transfer and traffic management in a digital media distributor system, the method comprising:

providing an Internet file server (IFS) at a central site of the digital media distributor system (Fig.1D, 200, abstract, col.5, line 52 to col.6, line 3, and col.13, lines 1-15); and

utilizing the IFS as an intermediary between the central site and at least one local-traffic system, wherein the IFS supports file transfer in both directions between the central site and the at least one local traffic system (Fig.1D, 200, and col.10, lines 26-48).

6. As to claim 2, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein utilizing further comprises receiving inbound transfers of a playlist file from the at least one local traffic system (col.15, lines 1-19).

7. As to claim 3, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein utilizing further comprises receiving inbound transfers of a dub list file from the at least one local traffic system (col.15, lines 1-19).

8. As to claim 4, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein utilizing further comprises receiving inbound transfers of a purge list file from the at least one local traffic system (col.15, lines 1-19):

9. As to claim 5, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein utilizing further comprises performing outbound transfers of a spot status summary file to the at least one local traffic system (col.13, lines 17-35).

10. As to claim 6, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein utilizing further

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comprises performing outbound transfers of a consolidated As-Run log file to the at least one local traffic system (col.9 line 59 to col.10, line 5).

11. As to claim 7, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein utilizing a plurality of agents to perform automated processing of files transferred to the IFS and to perform scheduled tasks (col.5, lines 9-40, and col.10, lines 26-48).

12. As to claim 8, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, including a system for achieving efficient file transfer and traffic management in a digital media distributor system, the system comprising:

a central site server (Abstract, col.5, line 52 to col.6, line 3);

at least one local traffic system (col.6, lines 3-45); and

an Internet file server (IFS) coupled between the central site server and the at least one local traffic system, the IFS acting as an intermediary between the central site and the at least one local traffic system, wherein the IFS supports file transfer in both directions between the central site and the at least one local traffic system (Fig 1D, 200, col.10, lines 26-48).

13. As to claim 9, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the IFS receives inbound transfers of a playlist file from the at least one local traffic system (col.15, lines 1-19).

14. As to claim 10, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the IFS receives inbound transfers of a dub list file from the at least one local traffic system(col.15, lines 1-19).

15. As to claim 11, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed wherein the IFS receives inbound transfers of a purge list file from the at least one local traffic system(col.15, lines 1-19).

16. As to claim 12, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the IFS performs

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outbound transfers of a spot status summary file to the at least one local traffic system (col.13, lines 17-35).

17. As to claim 13, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the IFS performs outbound transfers of a consolidated As-Run log file to the at least one local traffic system (col.9, line 59 to col.10, line 5).

18. As to claim 14, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the IFS further utilizes a plurality of agents to perform automated processing of files transferred to the IFS and to perform scheduled tasks (col.5, lines 9-40, and col.10, lines 26-48).

19. As to claim 15, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, including A method for achieving efficient file transfer and traffic management in a digital media distributor (DMD) system, the method comprising: utilizing an intermediary for file transfers between a central site and a local traffic system for a DMD (Fig.1D, 200, col.10,lines 26-48, and col.4, lines 20-30).

20. As to claim 16, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, wherein utilizing further comprises utilizing an Internet server as the intermediary.

21. As to claim 18, teaches the invention as claimed, wherein exchanging files further comprises exchanging files according to a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) (col.7, lines 3-15).

22. As to claim 19, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, utilizing agents in the IFS to automatically import and transfer list files (col.10, lines 26-58).

23. As to claim 20, Rasansky teaches the invention as claimed, utilizing agents in the IFS to automatically generate and export summary files (col.5, line 52 to col.6, line 3, abstract, col.9, lines 7-26).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

20. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

21. Claims 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasansky et al., (hereinafter Rasansky) U.S. Patent No. 5,960,406 in view of Tominaga et al., (hereinafter Tominaga) U.S. Patent No. 6,336,115.

22. As to claim 15, Rasansky does not explicitly teach exchanging files according to a chosen Internet transfer protocol between the local traffic system and the intermediary. However, Tominaga teaches exchanging files according to a chosen Internet transfer protocol between the local traffic system and the intermediary (col.1, lines 55-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Rasansky and Tominaga to have an exchange files in a communication system because it would have an efficient system that can provide two-way flow of values or files in a communication.

23. As to claim 17, Rasansky does not explicitly teach an exchanging files according to a file transfer protocol (FTP). However, Tominaga teaches an exchanging files according to a file

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transfer protocol (FTP). (col.1, lines 55-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Rasansky and Tominaga to have a exchanging files according to a file transfer protocol (FTP) because it would have an utilization and convenient communications system that has file transfer protocol as a fast, application-level protocol widely used for copying files to and from remote computer systems on a network. Also, allows users to use FTP to listing files and directories.

Conclusion

26. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

27. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tammy T. Nguyen** who may be reached via telephone at **(703) 305-7982**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. eastern standard time.

If you need to send the Examiner, a facsimile transmission regarding After Final issues, please send it to **(703) 746-7238**. If you need to send an Official facsimile transmission, please send it to **(703) 746-7239**. If you would like to send a Non-Official (draft) facsimile transmission the fax is **(703) 746-7240**. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, **David Wiley**, may be reached at **(703) 308-5221**.

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